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CBC Future 40 winners, from left, Chandra McIvor, Nicole Sarauer and Candace Bloomquist pose for a picture on the red carpet at a networking reception for the Future 40 project on Thursday night at the Rouge Gallery in Saskatoon. See coverage on pages 4 and 5, and visit metronews.ca for more photographs and video. JACOB MORGAN/METRO IN SASKATOON

Rise in critical incidents 'very troubling': NDP

Health care.
Opposition takes aim at Sask. government for 27 per cent increase over one year

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The Opposition New Democrats are charging that a 27 per cent, year-over-year increase in the number of critical incidents in Saskatchewan's health-care system is evidence that the government's Lean strategy isn't worth its lofty price.

"This is very troubling. I'm concerned that the (service) reductions that have taken place because of Lean, we're now seeing the effect on patient safety," NDP Leader Cam Broten said on Thursday, referring to a survey by the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN) showing the number of reported critical incidents jumping by 34 to 161 in 2012-13 from a year earlier.

As he has done for days, Broten slammed the Saskatchewan Party government for failing to cancel consulting contracts under the Lean health-care initiative — including a $40-million agreement with a U.S. firm.

The provincial government describes a critical incident as "a serious adverse health event" including a "loss of life, limb or function related to a health service provided by, or a program operated by" a health authority or health-care organization.

According to Health Minister Dustin Duncan, the results of the SUN survey — contained in a report from the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region — could partly be attributed to a renewed commitment on behalf of health-care workers to report safety issues.

"The critical incident reports indicate that the system is becoming more vigilant about recording (these incidents)," Duncan told reporters.

"We need these incidents to be reported."

Broten, however, called Duncan's reasoning "offensive" and disrespectful to patients and their families.

"If I was a family member who lost my dad or a sibling because of a critical incident, I wouldn't want spin about that," he said.

Duncan countered that the government has made patient safety a "focus" of the health-care system.

"We're also making it easier to report (critical incidents)," Duncan added.

"There's now an electronic way to report."

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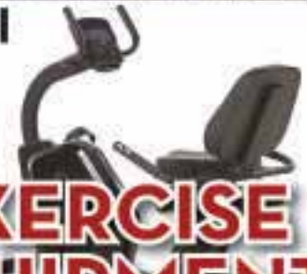

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Uncertain future for futures fund

Finance. There's been no decision on when to launch savings plan, says Wall, who is concerned with paying off provincial debt

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Premier Brad Wall says he still hasn't decided whether his administration will begin directing resources to a new sovereign wealth fund before the provincial government has paid off its sizable debt.

"You're going to see legislation from this government very soon to establish that futures fund," Wall told reporters at the legislature on Thursday.

"The debate, though ... is do we start saving money and paying off the debt at the same time?"

Despite not setting aside funds for the program in the 2014-15 provincial budget on Wednesday, Wall maintained that the creation of the proposed Saskatchewan Futures Fund remains a high priority for the government.

Last year, former University of Saskatchewan president Peter MacKinnon called on the government to set aside a portion of its surplus non-renewable resource revenue for a long-term savings plan.

He recommended that the government cap the share of resource revenue directed to its budget at 26 per cent and set aside any surplus for the futures fund.

NDP Leader Cam Broten accused the government of waffling, noting that Wall committed to establishing the fund last year.

"They should at least have a plan in place ... for when that 26 per cent threshold is met," Broten said.

The premier, though, said he has concerns about setting up the fund without completely paying off the debt.

"There's an average interest rate on this credit-card debt of five per cent, and we're only paying the interest," Wall said.

"We've paid 44 per cent of (the debt) off, but there's still debt there."

Finance Minister Ken Krawetz said on Wednesday that the money for the fund isn't available this year.

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NDP Leader Cam Broten speaks to media on Thursday after accusing Premier Brad Wall of waffling on a commitment to establish a sovereign wealth fund. Wall, inset, has expressed concerns about starting the program before paying off the rest of the government's debt. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Crime

Industrial fire ruled arson

A fire that severely damaged an industrial complex in central Regina early this week was an act of arson.

Regina Fire and Protective Services confirmed on Twitter Thursday that the blaze early Monday on McAra Street was "intentionally set" and "incendiary in nature."

Fire investigators have forwarded the file to the Regina Police Service.

The cost of the damage is estimated at $500,000.

Deputy fire Chief Gerard Kay said Monday that the blaze that gutted much of Ultimate Flooring's premises had followed an apparent break-in.

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Ukraine conflict

Province considers Russian booze ban in wake of violence

Premier Brad Wall says the province is considering banning Russian booze at government-run liquor stores because of Russia's actions in Ukraine.

Wall says it's a small measure but sends a strong statement.

But the premier cautions that international trade can be complicated, so the province wants to work with the federal government to find out what trade sanctions are in the works.

Wall says trade issues have to be considered because Saskatchewan manufacturers sell short-line rail equipment to Russia.

Wall says a decision should be made by early next week.

The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority carries Russian Standard Vodka.

Political violence in Ukraine has hit home for many people in Saskatchewan, where about 13 per cent of the population has Ukrainian roots.

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CBC and Metro see continued growth with Future 40 project

Project. Metro managing editor says highlight of working on project was seeing all the people dedicated to making province better

JACOB MORGAN
Metro in Saskatoon

It was another successful year of CBC Saskatchewan's Future 40 contest.

For the second annual edition of the project, CBC partnered with Metro News to reach an even wider audience.

"The response overall has been fantastic," says John Agnew, managing director of CBC Saskatchewan. "It's certainly grown from last year."

In 2013, CBC received about 300 nominations. This time around, almost 400 people were considered for one of the 40 available spots.

"This has been a great joint venture with Metro and we're really happy with it," said Agnew.

He added that the 2014 winners represent all walks of life and show off the vibrancy in the province.

Tara Campbell, managing editor of Metro Saskatchewan, served as a judge for the competition.

She says the highlight of her experience was seeing the remarkable athletes, artists and professionals who are committed to making Saskatchewan a better place.

"I think it speaks largely to a growing province and to a province that is attractive to young people," said Campbell.

With Metro's inaugural year of participation coming to a close, Campbell said it was a joy to feature all the award recipients in print and online.

"It's just been elating to have 10 winners in the paper every day and to see those faces," she said. "We've been really happy to be involved and hope to do it again next year."

Quoted

"If these are the people who are going to be our future leaders in Saskatchewan, we are in really good hands."

John Agnew, managing director of CBC Saskatchewan

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations vice-chief Simon Bird, left, activist Erica Lee, national co-chairman of the Liberal Party's Aboriginal Peoples' Commission Kevin Seesequasis and basketball player Michael Linklater pose for a photograph at the CBC Future 40 networking reception. JACOB MORGAN/METRO IN SASKATOON

Despite cold, ice cream stand open for season

Wearing his winter coat, customer PJ Bell lines up on Thursday to welcome the seasonal opening of the Milky Way ice cream shop — and a cone from parlour co-owner Carole Boldt on the first official day of spring. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Eager customers braved the snow to line up for Thursday's opening of Regina's iconic Milky Way ice cream parlour — the truest sign, they said, that spring is finally here.

A queue had formed in front of the Victoria Avenue shop a few minutes before its 11 a.m. opening for the season, on the first official day of spring.

PJ Bell and two of his friends were among the first people to get tastes of the season's initial batch of ice cream.

"This is a tradition for us," said Bell, who took an early lunch from work to visit the stand on a day when wintry weather returned following days of mild conditions.

Like her customers, co-owner Anne Boldt said she couldn't wait for the ice cream parlour's opening.

"We were so ready to go to work, and now the opening is finally here," Boldt said.

Built in 1955, the shop was purchased by Boldt's family 34 years ago. They have owned it ever since.

Each year, their opening day sees about 100 customers waiting in line to try Milky Way's 40 hard ice cream flavours, six soft ice cream flavours, smoothies and floats.

"Customers keep on telling us that our opening is a sign of spring," Boldt added.

To try to summon warmer weather, Boldt chose coconut as the flavour of ice cream on the shop's opening day.

Customer Frank Flegel didn't try the tropical flavour, but was happy with his ice cream float nonetheless.

"I've waited all winter for this," Flegel said of the parlour's opening.

"I missed it before, and was annoyed all year — so I'm glad I was here."

SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Quoted

"It's snowing right now, but there's no such thing as ice cream weather. That doesn't exist."

PJ Bell, an eager customer

Development

Regina eyes Edmonton and Vancouver for possible housing solutions

Regina's municipal housing commission heard on Thursday about residential developments and policies implemented in Vancouver and Edmonton, as it explores possible solutions to come up with more affordable homes in the Saskatchewan capital.

The presentation from city workers included guidelines in designing new neighbourhoods in Edmonton, such as Griesbach and Rapperswill, and affordable housing and mixed-income projects including Simon Fraser University's Univercity and the Woodward's project.

"It was good to see different ways of funding and doing housing that is more affordable," Coun. Barbara Young said at the meeting at city hall.

According to Young, there needs to be a wider variation in the city to accommodate Regina's population as it grows swiftly.

"We really need to increase affordable housing and single-occupancy rental units," she said.

Yves Richard, manager of neighbourhood planning, said Edmonton and Vancouver were chosen for the case studies because they went through housing situations similar to what Regina is undergoing.

"Vancouver had a huge housing boom and Regina is following that ... while Edmonton is a winter city that just implemented new guidelines in the engineering aspects of building new neighbourhoods," Richard said.

Richard added that city staff will continue to monitor the different policies and developments in both cities as they look into potential initiatives to weigh in front of Mayor Michael Fougere and councillors in the future.

The availability of housing has long been a contentious issue in Regina, leading to Fougere organizing a summit on the matter last year. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

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1 Name: Matt Love
Age: 34
Category: Teaching and Health Care

Matt is a dedicated teacher and coach at Aden Bowman Collegiate. He runs a program called Collective Voice, which challenges Grade 9 students to rethink their role in the world and put their learning into action. The focus of the course is on social justice issues, particularly those relating to indigenous peoples. In addition to excursions — including a trip to New York City — each week the class produces a radio show on CFCR 90.5 FM. Matt's genuine passion for learning and making his community a better place is only surpassed by his devotion to his family.

2 Name: Tyler Stewart
Age: 37
Category: Community Leadership

Tyler transforms rundown buildings and properties in core neighbourhoods into affordable dwellings for those in need. He has grown his company, Stewart Properties, into a leader in the affordable housing market. They currently have projects on the go in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Humboldt.
In addition, Tyler holds positions on numerous volunteer boards and community service groups, including the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership and the Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon.

3 Name: Mike McDonald
Age: 27
Category: Community Leadership

Mike is the creative mind behind the Saskatchewan Blue Cross Recess Guardians program. At a time when obesity and lack of physical activity are a real concern, Mike took the initiative to do something about the situation. With the help of Kale Johnson, the Recess Guardians program operates in elementary schools, building leadership skills and encouraging an active lifestyle. It provides building blocks for a healthy future in a safe and educational environment — all while allowing the kids to create their own fun during recess. The program runs in more than 100 schools, including 20 in northern First Nations communities.

4 Name: Chelsea O'Connell
Age: 26
Category: Business and Entrepreneurship

Chelsea is elevating the profile of the fashion industry in Saskatchewan. With the creation of the annual Saskatchewan Fashion Week (SFW), her vision is to support the sustainability of local designers and retail operations. In 2013, Chelsea collaborated with Hillberg & Berk founder and CBC Future 40 alumna Rachel Mielke to produce the Starting and Growing a Successful Fashion Brand workshop. She has also opened Cade Style Lounge, a women's retail store located in Regina, which sells international trends, local labels and vintage garments.

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Pistorius to sell mansion to pay lawyers

South Africa. The Paralympic champion needs cash for the longer-than-expected murder trial; he pleaded not guilty

Oscar Pistorius is selling the house where Reeva Steenkamp died to raise money for his legal bills, the athlete's lawyer said Thursday.

Pistorius has not returned to the upscale Pretoria villa since the day his girlfriend was shot in a bathroom over a year ago and "cannot contemplate ever returning to live there again," lawyer Brian Webber said.

Pistorius, 27, had planned to keep his home "sealed" until after his ongoing murder trial, Webber said, but it is now necessary to sell it to fund his defence because the double amputee's trial will last longer than the initial three-week period that was predicted. Pistorius valued the house at $456,000 at his bail hearing last year. He has not been back there since.

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No choice

"Due to the delay in finalizing the trial, the decision to urgently dispose of his single biggest asset has had to be made."

Pistorius family lawyer Brian Webber

Home of Oscar Pistorius in a gated complex in Pretoria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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India

Court convicts five in gang rapes

An Indian court convicted five men Thursday for raping a photojournalist and a call-centre operator last summer inside an abandoned textile mill in the financial hub of Mumbai. The cases renewed calls to wipe out the scourge of sexual violence in India. The rapes happened about a month apart in the same mill. Three men were convicted in both cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Books vandalized

Japan's PM to express regret

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam this weekend to express regret over the recent vandalism at Tokyo libraries of hundreds of books related to the young Holocaust victim. Abe will visit the museum Sunday, before he attends a nuclear security summit in the Hague. A man has been arrested in the case.

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America's First Lady in China

U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama arrives at Beijing Capital International Airport on Thursday. Mrs. Obama arrived in China with her mother, Marian Robinson, and her daughters, to kick off a six-day tour where she will focus on education and cultural exchange.

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Some dog millionaire. Tibetan mastiff breed a status symbol for China's super rich

A man working for a dog breeder bids farewell to two Tibetan mastiffs he had been caring for outside a hotel in Tongxiang city in east China's Zhejiang province on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Chinese dog breeder said Thursday that a property developer paid him 18 million yuan ($3 million) for Tibetan mastiff twins, highlighting how the breed has become a status symbol for China's rich.

The large, slobbery dog with massive amounts of hair used to be best known for herding sheep in Tibet, but has now become a luxury for the ultra-rich who want to spread their wealth beyond stocks and real estate.

Breeder Zhang Gengyun said he sold the one-year-old twin male dogs to a single buyer at a luxury dog fair Tuesday in wealthy Zhejiang province, located on China's east coast.

One of the twins, a golden-haired Tibetan mastiff, was sold for 12 million yuan, and his red-haired brother went for 6 million yuan.

Zhang said the buyer paid him the 18 million yuan with his credit card. He denied the sale was a ploy by breeders to hype the price of Tibetan mastiffs and said he was reluctant to sell the twins. "It's a real deal," he said.

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Central African Republic. Turmoil at 'terrifying level,' UN official says

Navi Pillay KEYSTONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The UN's top human rights official warned Thursday that the hatred between Christian and Muslim communities in Central African Republic is "at a terrifying level" and a state of near-anarchy means even those carrying bloody machetes and holding severed body parts in their hands are not arrested.

Navi Pillay, UN high commissioner for human rights, described the situation as "almost total impunity" with "no justice, no law and order apart from that provided by foreign troops." Some 6,000 African peacekeepers and 2,000 French troops are working to stabilize the country, though they have a limited presence outside the capital of Bangui.

"I cannot help thinking that if the Central African Republic were not a poor country hidden away in the heart of Africa, the terrible events that have taken place — and continue to take place — would have stimulated a far stronger and more dynamic reaction by the outside world," Pillay said at a news conference in Bangui wrapping up her three-day visit.

"How many more children have to be decapitated, how many more women and girls will be raped, how many more acts of cannibalism must there be, before we really sit up and pay attention?"

Central African Republic descended into chaos one year ago when an alliance of mostly Muslim rebel groups in the country's north overthrew François Bozizé, the president of a decade.

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Floating objects 'best lead' in search for plane

Satellite imagery. Possible debris spotted 2,500 kilometres southwest of Australia

Family members of passengers aboard the missing Malaysia Airlines plane arrive for a briefing in Cyberjaya, Malaysia, on Thursday. LAI SENG SIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An air search in the southern Indian Ocean for possible objects from the missing Malaysia Airlines plane that has been described as the "best lead" has turned up no clues as of early Friday, Australian rescue officials said.

Four planes were checking to see if two large objects spotted in satellite imagery bobbing in the remote ocean were debris from Flight 370 that disappeared March 8 with 239 people on board.

"This is a lead, it's probably the best lead we have right now," John Young, manager of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's emergency response division said. He cautioned that the objects could be seaborne debris along a shipping route where containers can fall off cargo vessels, although the larger object is longer than a container.

News that possible plane parts had been found marked a new phase in the emotional roller coaster for distraught relatives of the passengers, who have criticized Malaysia harshly for not releasing timely information about the plane. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thrill seeker. Boy, 16, charged after climbing 1 World Trade Center spire

A 16-year-old boy described as a thrill seeker bypassed an inattentive security guard in the middle of the night and climbed a ladder to the spire of 1 World Trade Center in New York City, where he apparently took pictures, authorities said Thursday.

Justin Casquejo was arrested at 6 a.m. Sunday at the U.S. tallest building and charged with misdemeanour criminal trespass, police said.

According to a criminal complaint, Casquejo was quoted as telling police: "I walked around the construction site and figured out how to access the Freedom Tower rooftop. I found a way up through the scaffolding, climbed onto the 6th floor, and took the elevator up to the 88th floor. I then took the staircase up to 104th (floor). I went to the rooftop and climbed the ladder all the way to the antenna."

His camera and cellphone were seized after authorities obtained a search warrant, said Joe Pentangelo, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police department.

1 World Trade Center GETTY IMAGES

According to court papers, Casquejo was released without bail after being arraigned early Monday on one count of third-degree criminal trespass and one count of trespass.

Authorities were still trying to determine the teen's motive. WABC-TV reported that he took pictures from the top of the building, where he stayed for about two hours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Alberta's deputy premier tagged to take over for Alison Redford

Business as usual. Dave Hancock, who's been in government for 17 years, says government will carry on and be effective

Dave Hancock, who once dreamed of being the leader of Alberta, got the job Thursday in a way he never imagined.

Hancock, Premier Alison Redford's second-in-command, was chosen by the governing Progressive Conservative caucus to replace her when she steps down on Sunday and her party begins the search for a permanent replacement.

Hancock, deputy premier and member of the legislature, has been in government for 17 years and is the longest-serving minister in cabinet.

He lost the PC leadership race to Ed Stelmach in 2006 and said Thursday he won't run again because the Tories need a fresh face.

"If we're going to show the party as moving forward, I'm probably not the guy who epitomizes that," he said.

The PC party executive is to meet Monday to set out the timeline for the leadership race, which can run anywhere from four to six months.

Redford did not attend the hour-long morning meeting to choose Hancock, but arrived at the end with her 12-year-old daughter, Sarah, in tow. She did not speak to reporters.

Redford quit Wednesday night, saying the infighting had become an intolerable distraction to the business of the province.

Hancock said the business of government will carry on and will be effective.

"We're all professionals. We all know our jobs. We all know what the people of Alberta elected us to do. We come to work every day."

When asked if he expects difficult times ahead, Hancock replied: "In this business, every day is a difficult day."

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Alberta Premier Alison Redford arrives at the Alberta legislature with her daughter Sarah in Edmonton on Thursday, the day after she announced her resignation. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'The mandate doesn't change'

Dave Hancock
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Hancock said he will neither be changing Redford's policies nor the direction of government. That's the prerogative of the incoming permanent leader, he suggested.

- "The mandate doesn't change," he said. "It's the mandate of government. It's the mandate under which our MLAs were elected and that is what we will continue to do."
- Hancock had been Redford's most vocal supporter in recent weeks as mounting revelations of lavish spending and caucus turmoil swamped her ability to govern.

Portland Hotel Society

Audit uncovers lavish spending by B.C. non-profit

The non-profit that looks after some of Canada's poorest citizens blew thousands of dollars on hotels, limousines — even a trip to a Disney resort. Separate financial reviews examining expenses by the Portland Hotel Society — which runs Canada's only safe-injection site — revealed misuse of corporate credit cards and unsupported expenses.

A B.C. government review and external financial audit reveal what the province says are significant concerns over the practices of the society that operates numerous programs in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'No due or fair process'

Trudeau slammed over blocking of Liberal candidate

Justin Trudeau's decision to block a candidate who wanted to run for the Liberals in the Trinity-Spadina byelection has been condemned by the riding's Liberal executive members.

They say the move to block Christine Innes was undemocratic and amounted to the leader breaking his promise of open nomination meetings in all ridings.

"There was absolutely no due or fair process … and there was absolutely zero local involvement," riding president Julia Metus said in a statement Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

20 years later

All apologies, but nothing's changed in Cobain case

With the 20th anniversary of Kurt Cobain's death approaching, Seattle police re-examined the case files in connection with the Nirvana front man's suicide.

Police spokeswoman Renee Witt said Thursday the review found nothing new, but several rolls of undeveloped film were found.

Police took another look at the case to be ready for next month's anniversary, she said. "There's still a lot of interest in this case. The detective went into the case files to refresh himself. The outcome of the case has not changed."

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U.S. general gets fine, but no jail, in sex case

Fort Bragg, N.C.
Sinclair docked pay and reprimanded; sexual assault charges dropped in plea deal

U.S. army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair
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A U.S. Army general who had a three-year affair with a captain and had two other inappropriate relationships with subordinates was reprimanded and docked $20,000 in pay Thursday, avoiding jail time in one of the military's most closely watched trials.

Legal experts, a women's group and members of Congress condemned the sentence as shockingly light.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair was believed to be the highest-ranking U.S. military officer ever court-martialed on sexual assault charges, but earlier this week those charges were dropped when he pleaded guilty to inappropriate relationships.

Sinclair, 51, smiled and hugged his two lawyers in the courtroom.

"The system worked. I've always been proud of my army," he said afterward.

Rear Adm. Jamie Barnett, a lawyer who represented the captain, said she was disappointed with the sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesting cost-cutting reforms in Greece

A protester stands in front of riot police securing the private office of Greek Public Administration Reform Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis in central Athens, on Thursday. Scores of striking schoolteachers and other civil servants occupied Mitsotakis's office to protest planned public sector layoffs, under cost-cutting reforms demanded by the country's bailout creditors. THANNASIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Doctor charged for role in Rwandan genocide

French judicial officials have filed preliminary charges related to Rwanda's genocide against a doctor who has lived and practiced in France for years.

Charles Twagira faces preliminary charges of crimes against humanity and genocide, and complicity in each, over his alleged role in the wave of killings in Rwanda in 1994 that left at least 500,000 dead — mostly ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

A spokeswoman for the Paris prosecutor's office said the charges Thursday follow a long investigation into allegations that Twagira had a hand in killings in the Rwandan town of Kibuye. He resides in Normandy and has French nationality. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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3 Ukrainian warships seized

Navy commander freed. Rear Adm. Sergei Haiduk, civilians were held for hours after HQ in Sevastopol stormed Wednesday

Pro-Russian forces seized three Ukrainian warships Thursday as the U.S. announced new sanctions against Russia for its annexation of Crimea.

Shots were fired but there were no casualties as the Ukrainian corvette Khmelnitsky was seized in Sevastopol. Another ship, the Lutsk, was surrounded by pro-Russian forces and Ukrainian servicemen were seen disembarking the Ternopil corvette.

U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday expanded U.S. economic sanctions against Moscow, targeting President Vladimir Putin's chief of staff and 19 other individuals as well as a Russian bank that provides them support. Obama also said he had signed an executive order that would allow the U.S. to penalize key sectors of the Russian economy.

Within minutes of Obama's speech, Russia retaliated by banning entry to nine U.S. officials and lawmakers.

In an address to the German Parliament in Berlin, Chancellor Angela Merkel said the EU was readying further sanctions and that the G8 forum of leading economies had been suspended indefinitely. Russia holds the presidency of the G8 and Putin was due to host his counterparts at a G8 summit in Sochi in June.

With thousands of Ukrainian soldiers and sailors trapped on military bases, surrounded by heavily armed Russian forces and pro-Russia militia, the Kyiv government said it was drawing up plans to evacuate its outnumbered troops from Crimea back to the mainland. However, many servicemen have already switched sides to Russia.

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A man in an unmarked uniform, right, looks at Ukrainian crew members of the Ukrainian corvette Khmelnitsky as it was seized in Sevastopol, Crimea, Thursday. Pro-Russian crowds seized three Ukrainian warships Thursday. Shots were fired but there were no casualties. ANDREW LUBIMOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Second trial in his kids' deaths. Court refuses to hear Guy Turcotte appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada said Thursday it won't hear an appeal by a former Quebec cardiologist who is facing a new double-murder trial in the slayings of his young children.

Guy Turcotte was hoping the high court would hear his case for overturning a lower court decision in an attempt to avoid a second first-degree murder trial in the killings.

As is standard practice in the case of applications for leave to appeal, the Supreme Court did not give reasons for its decision to reject Turcotte's bid.

Turcotte will face trial again for the deaths of his children, Olivier, 5, and Anne-Sophie, 3, who were stabbed a combined 46 times before Turcotte tried to take his own life by ingesting windshield washer fluid.

His highly publicized trial heard that Turcotte was distraught over the abrupt end of his marriage and only remembered the night in flashes.

A court artist sketch shows Guy Turcotte during his appearance at the courthouse on Nov. 14, 2013 in Saint-Jérôme, Que.
MIKE MCLAUGHLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A spokesman for the Crown's office said it was satisfied with the Supreme Court's decision and is ready to proceed with a trial.

"The prosecutor in charge of the file will continue his preparation in view of the new trial," said spokesman Jean-Pascal Boucher.

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Italy rescues 4,000 migrants at sea

In this photo released by the Italian Navy Thursday rescued migrants are about to be boarded on the San Giusto ship, background, along the Mediterranean sea. Italian authorities say they have rescued more than 4,000 would-be migrants at sea over the past four days as the war in Syria and instability in Libya spawn new waves of refugees. The numbers of migrants reaching Italian shores generally rises as warm weather and calm seas make the Mediterranean Sea crossing from North Africa easier. But the UN refugee agency says the 2014 numbers represent a 300 percent increase over the same period in 2013. ITALIAN COAST GUARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Senate leader orders check on CIA computers

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"To my knowledge, the CIA has produced no evidence to support its claims that Senate committee staff who have no technical training somehow hacked into the CIA's highly secure classified networks, an allegation that appears on its face to be patently absurd."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in a letter to CIA director Richard Brennan

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has instructed the Senate's chief law enforcement officer to examine the Intelligence Committee's computers amid an escalating fight between the CIA and lawmakers over access to secret documents about the agency's interrogation tactics during the Bush administration.

In a March 19 letter to CIA Director John Brennan, Reid challenged the agency head's complaints that committee staff improperly accessed the agency's computers to obtain the documents, calling the allegation "patently absurd."

Last week, the head of the committee, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, questioned whether the agency broke the law and violated the U.S. Constitution in searching a computer network exclusively established for the committee.

Brennan has dismissed Feinstein's complaints.

The instructions to Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Terrance W. Gainer and the notification to Brennan ratcheted up a clash that pits Senate Democrats, led by Feinstein, against President Barack Obama's head of the spy agency.

Determined to resolve the fight, Reid said he had "instructed the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms to initiate a forensic examination of the computers and computer network assigned for exclusive (committee) use, in order to determine how the 'Panetta review' entered into the (committee) network."

The committee is close to completing a 6,000-page report on the CIA's brutal interrogation tactics, including waterboarding, at secret sites after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

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Bubble trouble: Gum sales have burst

A garbage bin sits full of bubble gum at Yankee Stadium in New York in 2010. U.S. gum sales have tumbled 11 per cent over the past four years. No one in the industry can pinpoint a single factor that's causing the decline — the theories include an unwillingness to shell out $2 US or more for a pack in the bad economy or that advertising veered too far from underlining gum's cavity-fighting benefits. KATHY KMONICEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ont. kick-starts new crowdfunding rules

Crowdsourcing ideas.
Ontario leads way on proposed regulations for businesses raising funds from individuals online

The Ontario Securities Commission is proposing new rules to allow start-ups and early-stage businesses to raise up to $1.5 million a year from individuals through registered crowdfunding web portals.

Several other agencies, in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, said Thursday they'll also publish the Ontario proposals for comment at the same time.

Entrepreneurs use crowdfunding to pitch their ideas directly to large numbers of consumers, who then invest typically small amounts in the startup. There have been concerns that individual investors could be at risk of fraud if they are victims of unscrupulous schemes.

OSC chief executive Howard Wetston said Ontario's approach would provide new regulatory rules to provide businesses with more access to capital and expand opportunities for investors.

"We have done so in a balanced and responsible manner that is intended to facilitate capital raising while maintaining an appropriate level of investor protection," Wetston said in a statement.

Ontario's proposed rules would allow businesses to raise up to $1.5 million during a 12-month period through a crowdfunding portal that has been registered with securities regulators. The OSC proposal would also limit how much an investor can invest — a maximum of $2,500 in a single investment and $10,000 per year.

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Goes its own way

The British Columbia Securities Commission made it clear Thursday that it has a different approach in mind.

- "The BCSC is not publishing the Ontario crowdfunding proposal at this time, but will monitor crowdfunding developments across the (Canadian Securities Administrators)," the B.C. agency said.

Canadian class actions.
Lawsuits loom for GM over defective ignition switches

Class-action lawsuits against General Motors are beginning to pile up over the automaker's handling of defective ignition switches in 1.6 million small cars worldwide.

About 235,000 of those cars were sold in Canada, and at least two separate law firms are seeking to represent people who are looking for compensation, adding to several other suits in the United States.

Over the past week, Merchant Law Group LLP filed claims against the Detroit-based auto maker in Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan, saying that GM knowingly misled customers about safety issues by hiding its knowledge of the ignition problems.

Sutts, Strosberg LLP, based in Windsor, Ont., a law firm that also handles many class action cases, also recently posted a message in a local newspaper seeking GM vehicle owners.

Class action lawsuits are intended to provide legal representation for relatively large number of people seeking compensation for the same problem — such as a defective product.

In the GM ignition switch recall, the company has acknowledged it learned about the problem at least 11 years ago, yet it failed to recall the cars until last month.

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U.S., Canada

- The U.S. Department of Justice, safety regulators and two congressional committees are exploring whether the company was responsible for any wrongdoing, which could include criminal liability.
- Transport Canada is also investigating whether a faulty ignition switch was responsible for a fatal crash in Quebec last June, however a spokeswoman would not say whether the government planned to dig further into GM's responsibilities in the recall.

A night at the Bucks

Whaddya mean I can't have one more Venti wine?

Starbucks plans to turn more of its cafes into a destination for beer and wine in the evenings.

The coffee company says it is looking to expand alcohol sales to "thousands of select stores" over the next several years, although it didn't provide details on an exact timeline. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vatican's historic manuscripts to go digital

The Vatican Apostolic Library in 2010.
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A Japanese information technology company has agreed to digitize 3,000 Vatican manuscripts in a deal to make some of the Catholic Church's most historic documents available online.

The Vatican Apostolic Library says it hopes Thursday's announced agreement with Tokyo-based NTT DATA Corp. would protect fragile manuscripts for perusal by scholars worldwide.

NTT DATA said it would digitize 3,000 manuscripts totalling 1.5 million pages over the next four years in a contract worth $22.6 million US.

The company's president, Toshio Iwamoto, told a Vatican press conference he hoped NTT ultimately would make 82,000 manuscripts totalling 41 million pages accessible by computer.

The Vatican Library, founded in 1451, is one of the world's most important research libraries.

It has 180,000 manuscripts, 1.6 million books and 150,000 prints, drawings and engravings.

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WHAT HOT LOOKS LIKE IN CANADA

THE METRO LIST

Paul Sullivan
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1 The "most hated man in America" dies. It's not everyday that "84-year-old preacher dies of natural causes" trends big on Twitter. But Fred Phelps was not just any 84-year-old preacher from Kansas. He was often called "the most hated man in America" for his over-the-top, anti-gay protests. Fred and his followers explained the massacre of the little kids at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., as God's wrath for America's acceptance of homosexuality. He would turn up at military burials carrying signs that said "God Hates Fags" and "Thank God for Dead Soldiers." No one knows where Fred is today, but it's probably as hot as …

2 Katy Perry. Just so we keep all this in perspective. There's hot and there's Katy-Perry hot. Since her new video was released on Feb. 20, it has been viewed 122,263,013 times. What do you expect from someone who has 51 million Twitter followers? She wiggles her nose and it's a global event. The video in question is an amusing parable of ancient Egypt, featuring Katy in various fanciful Egyptian queen outfits hip-hop dancing. And it wouldn't be a Katy Perry video without a controversy: In this one, a suitor is turned to dust while wearing a pendant that appears to display the word Allah in Arabic. After a petition of 100,000 names was collected demanding YouTube remove the video, Katy's team digitally removed the pendant. What pendant?

3 Oh, yeah, Vladimir Putin invades Crimea. Putin, by contrast, has 20,851 followers. He takes over Crimea on Tuesday and his followers increase by 262. That perspective thing.

4 Alison Redford rides off into the Alberta sunset. She's no Katy Perry, but it wasn't so long ago that Alison Redford could be considered the Queen of Alberta, if not the Queen of the Nile. But her fortunes went a---backwards recently as she stubbornly refused to pay back expenses incurred on a trip to Nelson Mandela's funeral. By the time she gave in it was too late. Members of her caucus started resigning and she faced a revolt from as many as two dozen MLAs. Given no choice, she resigned, eclipsing the earlier resignation this week of national Tory Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. That's what "hot" looks like in Canada.

5 Not hot. At all. The first day of spring officially began on Thursday at 12:57. You might have missed it if your sun dial was buried under the snow. Thanks to global warming, spring begins about three weeks earlier than it did in the '70s, according to National Geographic. That's good news in places like Winnipeg, which has just survived the third coldest winter in over a century.

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ZOOM

We've got cuteness on hand

RICHARD AUSTIN/REX FEATURES

Tiny loris saved by zoo staff

Keepers at Paignton Zoo in Devon, southwest England are caring for a rare baby that weighed little more than a CD at birth. The pygmy slow loris (Nycticebus pygmaeus) — which weighed 22 grams when it was born — was one of two born to a first-time mother. Sadly, one twin did not survive and keepers stepped in to save the other when its mother abandoned it. **METRO**

Weighs as much as a dessert spoon

Seven keepers now take turns to feed the baby both day and night. As slow loris are nocturnal, the youngster is more active and needs more feeds overnight. Now, at around a month old, it has gone from 22 grams — less than a single AA battery — to over 30 grams — the weight of a dessert spoon. When fully grown the primate will only weigh around 500 grams or less. **METRO**

Quoted

"You have to take care not to squirt the milk into the lungs — you have to let the baby suckle at its own rate. We are just moving on to feeding some solids now — small amounts of mashed, boiled sweet potato."

Lewis Rowden, zookeeper

Where to find them

- **Habitat.** Jungles of south-eastern Asia.
- **Venom.** One of the only poisonous mammals in the world; loris inject venom through their sharp bite.
- **Status.** Endangered due to habitat loss and hunting for illegal pet trade.

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IRENE KUAN
Metro Online

If you're a fashionista, then the one thing you're constantly doing is deciding what to wear. Here are some fashion apps that offer you a virtual style assistant to help organize your closets and plan our outfits.

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Walk in My Closet:
Create a catalogue of your closet on this app, which can help you create looks and share them online. You can also get weekly fashion-trend reviews and play with a fashion mood board.

Stylebook:
Use this app to curate your closet and plan out what to wear. There are over 90 features to help you organize your styles and wardrobe and also offers wardrobe stats like cost per wear.

Closet:
Dubbed the "Swiss Army Knife of style assistants," Closet app helps you decide what to wear using a style grid. You can track which items and outfits were last worn, and even plan outfits in advance.

Letters

RE: And The Most Famous Canadian Is..., published March 19

I wish to express my dismay at Paul Sullivan's column discussing the problems with the recent MIT research project about the most famous Canadian. In his column, he made repeated reference to "somebody named Chris Benoit" who he has never heard of. For his reference, Chris Benoit is a former professional wrestler who murdered his wife and son before committing suicide.

I hope that in this case, Mr. Sullivan just couldn't be bothered to do a simple Google search to find out this information. The alternative is that he knew about Benoit and his actions, and still felt it suitable to use his name as a punchline to an otherwise decently-made point about the inaccuracy of the source list.

In either case, I feel that the repeated reference to Chris Benoit in this column was in very poor taste. I very much agree that I would not want to see Benoit listed as a famous Canadian, but not just because there are other Canadians deserving greater recognition.

I welcome Mr. Sullivan to apologize for this oversight.

Chuck Gibbons, Toronto

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SCENE

Synopsis

The story picks up one second after the last one ended. Kermit, Miss Piggy and the gang are on Hollywood Boulevard after their big comeback, wondering what to do next. A meeting with talent agent Dominic Badguy (Ricky Gervais) seems to provide an answer. Against Kermit's best judgment the Muppets accept Badguy's offer of a European tour to open in "the world capitol of comedy, Berlin, Germany." What they don't know is that Badguy is an associate of Constantine, the planet's most notorious criminal and a dead ringer for Kermit. The evil scheme is to replace Kermit with Constantine, and use the Muppets as a cover for an ingenious plan to steal the Crown Jewels. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Steve: ●●●○○

Kermit is joined by the usual suspects as he faces dastardly doppelgänger Constantine in Muppets Most Wanted. CONTRIBUTED

Muppets in heist gear

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Slapstick caper.

The Muppets roots are showing in cameo-packed sequel

Richard: Steve, the new film from Jim Henson's felt and fur creations is being billed as a sequel to the 2011 Jason Segel Muppets film, but it isn't really. It's more a return to the Muppet movies of old, packed to the gills with show biz in jokes, puns, songs and even a Swedish Chef homage to Ingmar Bergman. It's more akin to The Great Muppet Caper than the most recent movie. Segel's Muppet movie played heartstrings like Eric Clapton strums the blues; Muppets Most Wanted has more of an edge. Well, as much of an edge as a movie starring Kermit and Miss Piggy could have. Did you sense that?

Steve: I don't know if edge is quite the word I'd use to describe it. It's definitely got darker elements but unfortunately, the gimmicky plot of replacing Kermit with an evil doppelganger felt forced and less natural than Segel's earnest version. Of course, even the filmmakers were aware of that and smartly addressed the impossible expectation of sequels in the opening number. That kind of self-consciousness worked better in the last movie but I certainly thought the songs in Muppets Most Wanted surpassed the 2011 film. We even get to hear Ricky Gervais sing!

RC: I'm not sure I agree. The human characters — notably Gervais, Tina Fey as Nadya, a lusty Russian prison guard, and Ty Burrell as an outrageous Interpol agent — are just as broad as the puppets, which provides some laughs, but the emotional impact is blunted. To place it in an old Hollywood context, it's more the slapstick of Abbott and Costello than the restrained, sweet comedy of Charlie Chaplin. I liked Segel's take on the sweetness of the Muppets, but having said that, this movie made me laugh.

SG: It's true. It is fairly funny all the way through. It's probably slightly unfair to measure this film against its predecessors anyhow — even if it does lack some of the pure warmth of Segel's. And it was fun to see all the talent showing up in clever cameo appearances — especially Ray Liotta and Danny Trejo as prisoners-turned-aspiring showmen. However, even the sheer bulk of celebrities feels slightly distracting. They should just let the Muppets do the work.

RC: I agree. The Muppets bring a good deal of goodwill with them and the movie shines brighter as a result. It's hard not to giggle at the gags but an exchange between Fozzie and Walter hits a bit too close to an uncomfortable plot truth. "Looks like he's planning some kind of heist bit," Fozzie says of Constantine. "I hope not," replies Walter, "they never work." That's a gag, this one works, but because of the Muppets, not because of the human stars.

SG: In the end, the fans that are going to pay to see Muppets Most Wanted will already have a good idea what they're in for. Besides, as that aforementioned opening musical number states, "everyone knows the sequel's not quite as good."

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The 2011 reboot of The Muppets gave new life to the singing and dancing animal troupe that enjoyed a first wave of fame in the 1970s and '80s. The success of The Muppets lead to the upcoming sequel, Muppets Most Wanted, in which the gang gets sucked into a jewel-heist caper by a dastardly Kermit the Frog lookalike. Framed for crimes they didn't commit, the Muppets' rap sheets are out, so the public can help track them down

JOY SMALLS
Metro World News

Muppets Most Wanted!

Kermit the Frog

Alias: The Green One, Kermie, La Rana René in Mexico, Caco o Sapo in Brazil

Distinguishing characteristics: Known to play the banjo and sing, this frog from humble swamp beginnings dates a pig and has a history of leading hordes of animals in the pursuit of becoming rich and famous.

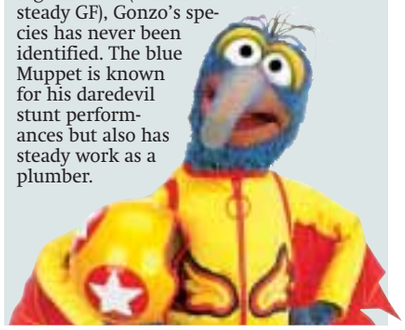
Miss Piggy

Alias: Piggy

Distinguishing characteristics: In an on-again, off-again relationship with Mr. The Frog, Miss Piggy is known for her dramatic entrances, her "Hi-YAH" karate chops and a temper that is only outmatched by her feminine wiles.

Gonzo

Alias: The Great Gonzo, Gonzo the Great



Distinguishing characteristics: With a crooked nose and predilection for dating chickens (Camilla is his steady GF), Gonzo's species has never been identified. The blue Muppet is known for his daredevil stunt performances but also has steady work as a plumber.

Walter

Alias: No known alias

Distinguishing characteristics: A lifelong fanboy of the Muppets, Walter worked his way into the inner circle of Muppetdom when in 2011 he saved the group from having its studio and name bought by the evil Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) in The Muppets.

Animal

Alias: AH-NI-MAL!!!!!!

Distinguishing characteristics: Speaking only in verbs and nouns, this drummer for Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem has a monosyllabic power that is channeled into his fierce drum solo freakouts. Under the tutelage of Jack Black in 2011, Animal was treated for anger management issues, but eschewed the therapy in favor of reuniting with the Muppets as a drummer again.

Fozzie

Alias: Fozziwig

Distinguishing characteristics: This bear comedian is unable to tell a bad pun joke without punctuating it with an exclamation of "wocka wocka wocka!" As Mr. The Frog's right hand man, Fozzie can take command of the Muppet horde, hibernates occasionally and drives a vintage Studebaker.

Pepe the King Prawn

Alias: Pepino Rodrigo Serrano Gonzales, The Crustacean Casanova

Distinguishing characteristics: This six-limbed Spaniard joined the Muppets in 1999 with Muppets from Space. Known as an artist and "crustacean Casanova" to females of most species, the tiny-headed shrimp lets his accent do most of the romancing. He is known to enjoy donning a pink tutu, particularly for the film Prawn Lake.

Scooter

Alias: No known alias

Distinguishing characteristics: As a top logistics man for the Muppet operation, the green sport jacket-clad stage manager is the coordinator extraordinaire for most any Muppet caper. Before their reunion in 2011 (The Muppets) Scooter enjoyed a full-time gig at Google.

Andy Garcia CHARLES SYKES/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Garcia gets into mob mentality

Playing it old-school. Godfather III actor helped develop his real-life gangster role in Rob the Mob

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Twenty-four years after The Godfather: Part III, Andy Garcia has graduated to mob boss, playing real-life gangster Big Al in director Raymond De Felitta's Rob the Mob. The true-life tale recounts the crime family's undoing at the hands to two unwitting small-time crooks (Michael Pitt and Nina Arianda).

Our culture continues to be drawn to organized crime stories.

I think it's part of a genre that all the generations have grown up with, if you look back to the days of James Cagney and Bogart. It's permeated the tapestry of American film. And then The Godfather, obviously, was a pretty sensational book about it, and film. And between the Godfather films and Goodfellas and some of the other works that explored the Italian-American cinematic existence, it's part of our fascination and a genre unto itself.

You're playing a very domesticated crime boss.

We wanted to try to do something when we started to develop the character and the part, to try to do something hopefully was not a character that has been visited before and try to shed some perspective on who this person might be. So we ended up being more interested in his domestic side. Ray and the writers and I all collaborated on this new arc that wasn't initially in the original draft.

It's a nice counterpoint to John Gotti, who's criticized in the film for being too flashy.

Right, right. Yeah, this is a throwback more to the guy who doesn't want to be noticed, you know? He's just a guy in the neighborhood who has a food business. That's akin a lot to the old Meyer Lansky types, where people know what he's about, but he's just an old, retired Jewish man who walks his dog up and down Collins Avenue.

THESE PAGES COVER MOVIE START TIMES FROM FRI., MAR. 21 TO THURS., MAR. 27. TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Action/Sci-fi

Divergent

Director. Neil Burger

Stars. Kate Winslet, Theo James

This is an action-adventure film in a world where people are divided into factions based on human virtues. Tris Prior (Shailene Woodley) is warned she is Divergent and will never fit into any one group. When she discovers a conspiracy by a faction leader (Kate Winslet) to destroy all Divergents, Tris must learn to trust in the mysterious Four (Theo James) and together they must find out what makes being Divergent so dangerous before it's too late.

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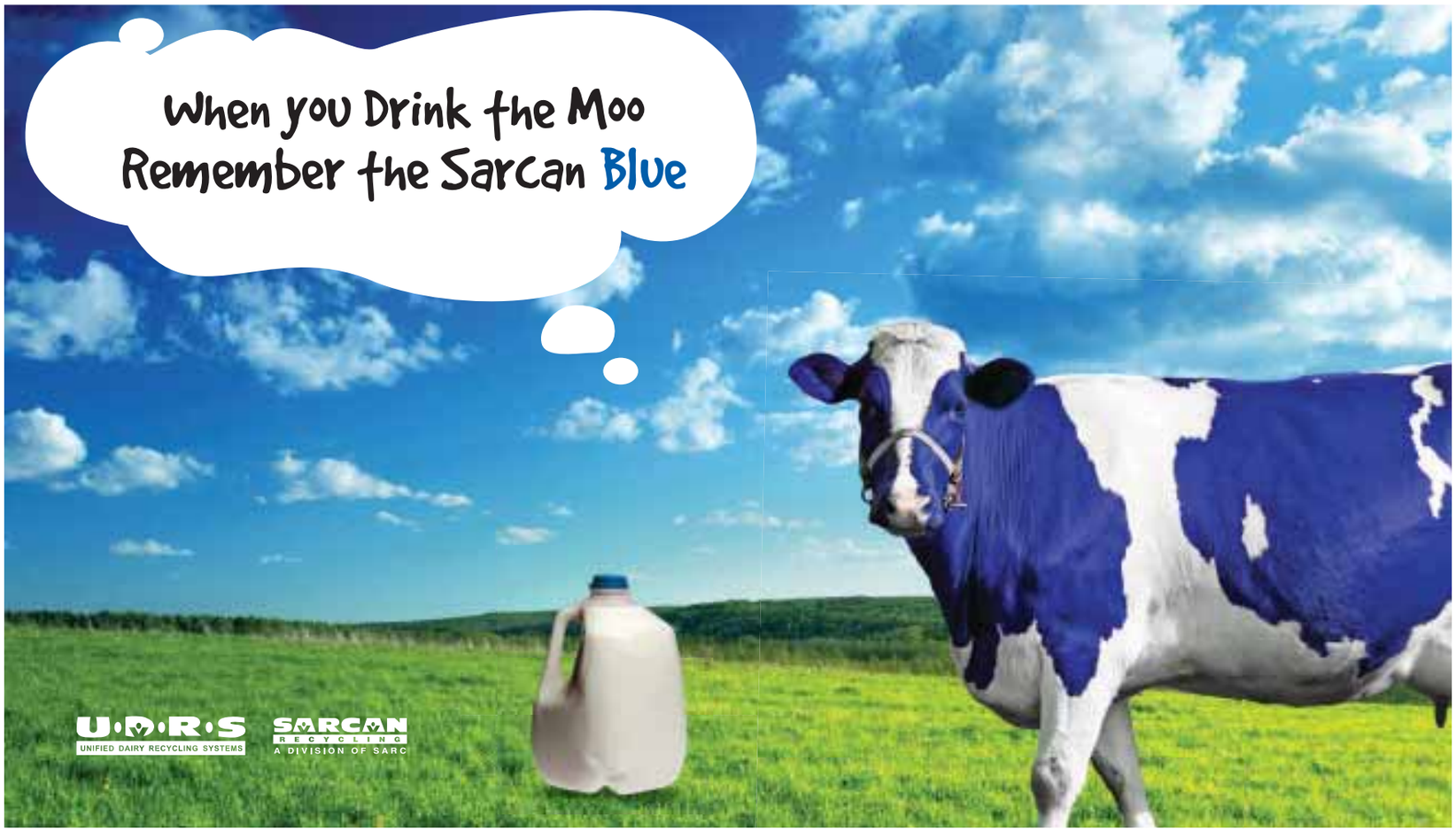

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Johnny Weir ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Weir through: Skating star announces marriage has frozen over

Figure skating star Johnny Weir has split from his husband of two years, Victor Voronov. "It is with great sadness that I announce that my husband and I are no longer together," Weir wrote on Twitter. "My heart hurts, and I wish him well."

Skating star Weir, who, along with partner Tara Lipinski, made a big splash at the 2014 Winter Olympics with their snappy commentary and even snappier outfits, has been married to Voronov, a Georgetown law grad, for two years. The Weir-Voronovs were in court on March 4 for a domestic violence incident, during which Weir allegedly bit Voronov, according to Page Six. Just last month, Weir spoke to Access Hollywood about his relationship and mentioned the stresses of married life.

"A marriage between two guys is different than what I imagine a marriage between a man and a woman (to be)," he said. "I mean, we're both constantly trying to fight to wear the pants in the relationship."

"It's constant fireworks," Johnny added. "It's very boom, boom, boom."

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The Word

Just call her Debbie Downer Diaz

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

"Everybody has been cheated on, everyone will be cheated on. I can't fix that, I don't know how," Cameron Diaz tells the British edition of OK! Magazine. (Editor's note: Please don't confuse The Diaz by telling her it is possible to not cheat on someone if you just decide not to cheat on someone.) Diaz is also fine without having kids, because that means she can travel. (Editor's note: Please don't confuse The Diaz by telling her it is possible to buy your child a plane ticket.) "We are tribal, we need our tribe," she says. "I have a bunch of little tribes all over the world that I pop to for a little bit of time, and then I move on. And that's the great thing about being mobile. A lot of my friends have kids and they are stuck, planted in one place, and I kind of get to pop into all the different little tribes around the world and hang out for a little bit."

Lindsay Lohan

Did Lindsay give her sober living coach the heave-Lo?

Lindsay Lohan's vows to lead a cleaner life post-rehab are coming into question since she reportedly fired her sober living coach, Michael Cormier, once filming had been completed on her Oprah Winfrey-produced reality show, according to Radar Online. "Lindsay immediately hired Michael to be her sober living coach and companion. He moved from Los Angeles to New York City to be with her 24-7," a source says. "But as soon as the cameras were packed up, Lindsay gave Michael the pink slip, and he hasn't heard from her since." The cost of such a service might have been a factor for the often cash-strapped starlet: "This wasn't cheap for Lindsay, as Michael charges up to $1,500 a day," the source explains.

RiRi and me: January's jonesin' for a date with the Billboard busting bad-girl

Forget Drake and Chris Brown — Rihanna has another celebrity admirer. When asked by online magazine Violet Grey whom she most wants to go to bed with, dead or alive, Mad Men star January Jones responds with, "Paul Newman or Rihanna." Not bad, as far as options go. Jones also explains why she's not big on explaining herself. "I prefer to remain mysterious and have people make their own judgment calls about me than to always have to explain who I am and what I'm about," she says. "I try to take risks and shock people a little bit. It's important to provoke some sort of emotion, negative or positive."

January Jones

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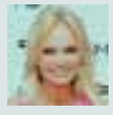

@KChenoweth
Dear mini bar people, why are all little packages of food wrapped in government plastic which make it impossible for me to get into

@TomArnold
Those people that think it would be fun to do a movie with a bunch of f-ing dogs deserve to do a movie with a bunch of f-ing dogs.

@MichaelChiklis
When in doubt, do nothing...the correct course will become clear

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Playing wine favourites

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Wine writers make the worst customers. Short of trying the new vintage of a familiar brand, our quest to taste everything makes buying a wine more than once unlikely.

That doesn't mean that you shouldn't play favourites. In fact, I recommend that everyone should have at least 10 go-to wines that have proven themselves consistent, versatile and fun to drink (whether with a particular dish or on their own).

Having a Top 10 means you're always ready with a bottle you know will deliver — especially when you're invited to the boss's house for dinner or want to show off your wine savvy to friends.

A reliable Chianti needs to be on your list. Made primarily from the sangiovese grape, it's the quintessential Tuscan red.

The 2009 Ruffino Riserva Ducale ($24.95 - $34.99) comes from Chianti's Classico area — the oldest part of the region. Packed with chewy blackberry and cherry fruit, its flavour flow is massaged by bright acidity and dry, grippy tannins. Try it with rustic Italian dishes like osso buco, meaty lasagna and, of course, pizza.

PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Even though it may not feel like it in certain parts of the country, spring has sprung. Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay helps us celebrate with a recipe that's both refreshing and light from her cookbook Fast, Fresh, Simple.

Greet spring with Cheat's Goat's Cheese Soufflé

This Cheat's Goat's Cheese Soufflé with Roasted Beetroot Salad serves four. DONNA HAY

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1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. To make the roasted beetroot salad, trim, wash and scrub the beetroot, reserving the smaller leaves. Discard the stems. Place the beetroot and rosemary on a baking tray and sprinkle with oil and salt. Roast for 40 minutes or until tender. Set aside.

3. To make the soufflé, place the cheese, cream, salt and egg yolks in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat until light and fluffy. Fold through the breadcrumbs.

4. Place the egg whites in a clean bowl and beat until soft peaks form. Fold the whites into the cheese mixture.

5. Spoon into 4 x 1½-cup capacity (375 ml) lightly greased ramekins and bake for 20–25 minutes or until puffed and golden. To serve, halve the larger beetroot and toss with the leaves. Whisk together the vinegar, oil, salt and pepper and spoon over the salad. Serve with the soufflé. **WATCH DONNA HAY FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE THURSDAYS STARTING AT 10 P.M. EST/PT ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

Ingredients

- 150 g soft goat's cheese
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) single (pouring) cream
- sea salt
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 cups (140 g) fresh white breadcrumbs

Roasted Beetroot Salad

- 600 g baby red and golden beetroot (beets)
- 6 rosemary sprigs
- olive oil and sea salt, for sprinkling
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- sea salt and cracked black pepper

Dessert

Cheat's Raspberry Brûlée

- 300 g frozen raspberries
- 1/3 cup (75 g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 1 1/2 cups (420 g) Greek-style thick natural yogurt
- 1 cup (250 ml) double (heavy) cream
- 2 tbsp caster (superfine) sugar, extra
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Extra caster (superfine) sugar, for sprinkling

Place raspberries and sugar in a saucepan over high heat and simmer for 20 minutes or until the raspberry mixture thickens.

Spoon the raspberry mixture into 4 x 1-cup capacity (250 ml) ovenproof dishes. Refrigerate until cold.

Whisk together the yogurt, cream, sugar and vanilla until thick and spoon over the raspberry mixture. Refrigerate until cold.

Sprinkle with sugar and caramelize sugar with a kitchen blow torch until golden.

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The recipe serves four. DONNA HAY

Spinach and Feta Pies

1. Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F). Brush phyllo sheets with butter and place one on top of the other. Cut stack of pastry sheets in half so you have 2 rectangles and place on baking trays lined with non-stick baking paper.

Ingredients

- 6 sheets phyllo pastry
- 40 g butter, melted
- 250 g frozen spinach, thawed
- 500 g ricotta
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup (25g) finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup finely chopped mint leaves
- sea salt/cracked black pepper
- 75 g feta, roughly chopped

2. Squeeze excess liquid from spinach and place in bowl with ricotta, eggs, Parmesan, mint, salt and pepper and mix to combine. Divide filling between two pastries leaving 5 cm border. Fold over pastry edges to form border.

3. Sprinkle filling with feta. Bake for 35 minutes or until pastry is golden and filling has set. **DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM**

This recipe serves two. DONNA HAY

Canadian skip Rachel Homan, right, and second Alison Kreviazuk tap fists as they play China at the Ford World Women's Curling Championship in Saint John, N.B., on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Homan and company secure playoff spot

Age is just a number. The young Canadian squad beat out another young team from China, 6-4

Rachel Homan's curling team struck a balance between patience and aggression to make the playoffs at the Ford Women's World Curling Championship.

The average age of Homan, third Emma Miskew, second Alison Kreviazuk and lead Lisa Weagle is just shy of 26, but they're a Canadian women's curling team ahead of the curve when it comes to the big-game experience and the lessons learned in those games.

A 6-4 win over another young, tough team from China on Thursday at Harbour Station in Saint John, N.B., secured a playoff berth for the host country.

Canada finished first in the preliminary round at 10-1 with a 9-6 win over Sweden in the evening.

The Canadians already knew with the victory of Liu Sijia, however, that they'd have a chance to upgrade the bronze medal they won in their world championship debut a year ago.

Homan, Miskew and Kreviazuk have been teammates for over a decade.

Since graduating from the junior ranks four years ago, they and Weagle have played in three national women's championships — finishing fourth and winning twice — two world championships and an Olympic trials.

"This team may be young, but we've had so much experience," said Weagle, the oldest at 28. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"This team may be young, but we've had so much experience." Lisa Weagle, Canadian curling team

Hockey

Dineen to tackle under-18 job

Kevin Dineen led Canada's women to a gold medal at the Sochi Olympics, and his next task will be coaching the men's under-18 team at April's world championships in Finland.

"I think any time you get to represent Canada in international competition it's a real honour," Dineen said in a phone interview Thursday night. "Obviously with our success in Sochi, it was a great time for me to sit back and enjoy that."

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NHL

Flyers flying high after topping Stars

Wayne Simmonds scored two goals and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Dallas Stars 4-2 Thursday night for their fourth straight win.

Mark Streit and Michael Raffl also scored for Philadelphia, which improved to 11-2-1 in its last 14 games while maintaining its hold on second place in the Metropolitan Division.

Jamie Benn scored twice for Dallas, which lost its fourth straight. The Stars began the day two points behind Phoenix for the final wild-card spot in the Western Conference.

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Spring training

Bautista's bat still blazing vs. Phillies

Jose Bautista extended his torrid spring training with a double and Esmil Rogers gave up just one run in five innings Thursday as the Blue Jays beat a Philadelphia Phillies split squad 3-1.

Bautista went 1-for-3, and is hitting .359 with five homers, four doubles and 11 RBIs. Erik Kratz homered twice and was 3-for-3, and Moises Sierra also connected for Toronto.

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Ennis bred on competition in Ontario home

March Madness. Highly touted point guard's sporty family prepared him for success with Syracuse

The mini basketball nets that hang all over Tyler Ennis's home in Brampton, Ont., have taken a beating over the years.

In a family of six athletic kids, everything becomes a competition.

The 19-year-old Ennis led the Syracuse Orange to a 77-53 victory over Western Michigan in their opening game of March Madness on Thursday, running the offence with a quiet confidence developed over years of playing alongside two older brothers.

"Very competitive," dad Tony McIntyre said of his kids. "Those Fisher Price nets, and the ones you hang on the door, they'd break those off. Then you'd hammer them into the ceiling in the basement. They'd break those.

"It would get heated. You'd have to break up fights. Out on the street when they'd play 2-on-2 or 1-on-1, someone would always end up upset and kicking the ball down the street."

Brampton, Ont.'s Tyler Ennis led Syracuse to a 77-53 win over Western Michigan on Thursday in the March Madness tournament. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Ennis, who led Syracuse to a No. 3 seed and the school's 37th berth in the NCAA tournament, scored 16 points and doled out six assists in Thursday's resounding victory in Buffalo.

"We had great energy and that's a key for us going forward," Ennis said. "We've got to play intense and play a full 40 minutes, and everybody was kind of locked in for that."

Ennis's 22-year-old brother Dylan — a sophomore guard at Villanova — was scheduled to play later Thursday in Buffalo when the Wildcats took on Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Tyler Ennis, one of a crop of rising Canadian stars playing in March Madness, led the Orange to a 25-0 start to this season and the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA for three consecutive weeks, before the Orange lost five of seven games down the regular-season stretch.

Ennis is a finalist for the Bob Cousy Award as the best point guard in the country, and is one of 15 finalists for the Wooden Award for the NCAA's top player, a list that includes Kansas swingman Andrew Wiggins of Vaughan and Michigan sharpshooter Nik Stauskas of Mississauga.

Ennis averaged 12.7 points, 5.6 assists and 2.1 steals per game, becoming the only freshman to ever lead the ACC in assists and steals.

Syracuse will play Dayton — and Ennis's former AAU teammate Dyshawn Pierre of Whitby, Ont. — in the third round Saturday. Dayton edged Ohio State 60-59. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jermaine Sanders of Cincinnati and Harvard's Kyle Casey battle for a loose ball in Spokane, Wash. Harvard, a 12th seed, won its second-ever NCAA tournament game, upsetting Cincinnati 61-57. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

David vs. Goliath

E. Kentucky looks for upset over Kansas

About the only thing Kansas and Eastern Kentucky have in common is that they are playing each other in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Jayhawks are the big, bruising bullies touting a roster stocked with five-star freshmen including Andrew Wiggins. The Colonels are the scrappy underdogs whose senior-laden roster is adept in shooting three-pointers.

The No. 2 seed Jayhawks and 15th-seeded Colonels meet Friday in St. Louis, with the winner getting seventh-seeded New Mexico or 10th-seeded Stanford in the third round. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coach Tom Izzo and Michigan State (4) had an easy go of it against Delaware, winning 93-78. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

Patric Young and Florida (1) slammed Albany out of the tournament with a 67-55 win. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

Dayton, an 11th seed, celebrates after upsetting Ohio State 60-59. Vee Sanford scored the winning basket with 3.8 seconds remaining. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Golf. Sinking long putts cures Scott's illness, gives him lead at Bay Hill

Masters champion Adam Scott was feeling ill when he arrived at Bay Hill. One majestic round with the putter Thursday made him feel a lot better.

Scott made five putts from about 20 feet or longer, two of them for eagle and one of them from off the green for birdie, and matched the course record with a 10-under 62 to build a three-shot lead in the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

The conditions were close to perfect. So was his work on the greens.

"I made a lot of putts today, and a lot of putts from considerable length," Scott said. "I hit a lot of nice shots, too, but it wasn't like I was hitting it four feet. I had a round like this in Australia at the end of last year — in the first six holes, I didn't hit it outside five feet. There's a lot of different ways to get the ball in the hole. But it's good for the confidence. It's what I wanted. I sat in here yesterday and said I'd like to make some birdies and build the confidence. And today is a good start to that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Settling for second

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Ryo Ishikawa and John Merrick are tied for second after rounds of 65. They are three shots back of Adam Scott. Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano is in third place after shooting a 66.

MLB

Reds closer needs surgery after ball hits him in the face

Cincinnati Reds closer Aroldis Chapman is undergoing surgery to repair a broken bone above his left eye but has no other serious injuries after being hit in the face by a line drive in a spring training game.

Team doctor Tim Kremchek called Chapman "a very lucky guy."

Kremchek says a metal plate will be inserted in the bone and will remain there permanently. He says Chapman has a very mild concussion but no other brain injury and no injury to his eye.

Kansas City's Salvador Perez lined Chapman's 99 m.p.h. fastball into the pitcher's face on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maple Leafs look to snap losing streak

For the Toronto Maple Leafs, it's time to rest, not panic.

Losers of three in a row, the Leafs had a full day off Thursday after a rough run of six games in six cities in 10 days. They'll now attempt to regroup before an already tenuous playoff picture gets more dicey.

"First thing is get rest. It's been a gruelling stretch, a ton of travel, a lot of tough games where we're seeing a lot of teams' best efforts here," winger Joffrey Lupul said. "Get some rest and then come back refocused and get some of that confidence back that we had going to the West Coast."

Confidence in the Leafs might be waning from the outside after losing to the Washington Capitals, Detroit Red Wings and Tampa Bay Lightning. But within the locker-room Wednesday night there was plenty of belief that those games featured some positive elements to build on.

"No sense in panicking," said goaltender James Reimer, who has been thrust into the starting role since Jonathan Bernier was injured last week. "I think we've played some good hockey in the last three games, at times, and we know what we can do. I obviously believe in our team; we all believe in each other."

Finding the top of their game is paramount to the Leafs, who occupy the first wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference after falling out of the top three in the Atlantic Division.

They were as high as second after beating the Kings in Los Angeles on March 13. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fire power

Phil Kessel, Nikolai Kulemin and defenceman Jake Gardiner (five goals in seven games) scored against Tampa Bay and it wasn't enough. Kessel leads the team in scoring with 35 goals this season.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't waste time on regrets. This is your time of year and if you are positive you will enjoy the kind of progress that makes yesterday's doubts and failures irrelevant.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may have to remind someone that you do not exist merely to be there when they call. Today's lunar eclipse of Saturn in your opposite sign will help you express negative feelings in a positive way.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Try not to let your annoyance show if a friend gets something wrong. Resist the urge to criticize and instead offer words of advice in a supportive way. Chances are they'll get it right next time.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The most important thing today is that you make sure the facts support your point of view. If you make claims that others find easy to show are false, it won't do your reputation a lot of good.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Anything you do in haste over the next 24 hours will be repented for days if not weeks to come. Slow down, take your time and make sure you have made the correct decisions before you take any action.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It's easy to find fault with others, but is your own life blameless? If you get critical today you may find someone turns the tables by highlighting your own failures.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The planets warn if you shoot your mouth off today you may provoke someone who knows how to hit back. And they will hit you where it hurts most — in your wallet.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's lunar eclipse of Saturn in your sign suggests you are bursting to say things you know you shouldn't. However, the longer you keep your thoughts bottled up, the bigger the explosion will be.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Refuse to do anything you consider underhand or unfair. Others may enjoy cutting corners but you know that in the long-term, negative behaviour has a way of coming back at you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Say what you believe to be true and don't worry too much about the effect it may have on others. Facts are facts and must not be denied, not even to spare the feelings of those who are not as smart as you.

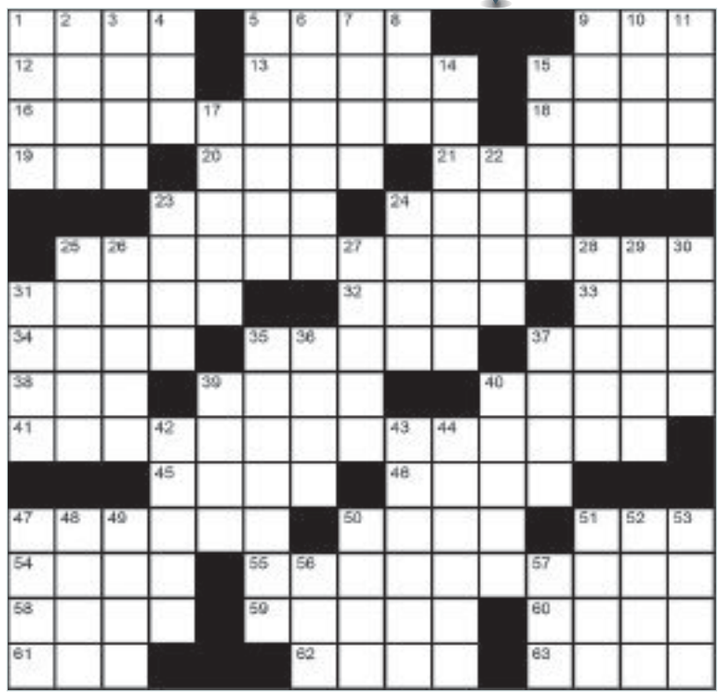
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You want to make a difference in a good way, but how do you actually do that? What happens over the next 24 hours will point you in the right direction. Start marching!

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A question that's been nagging at your brain for a long time will finally be answered today. It may surprise you how simple the solution is but isn't that often the way? Next time, try not to make such a big deal of it. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

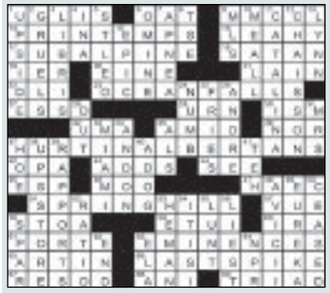
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. __ Mall (Famous street in London, England)
5. Dines, informally
9. You-know-__
12. Nautical side
13. "The Love Boat" bartender
15. Gardening product
16. 1942 Bogart/Bergman movie
18. Seepage sort
19. Cousin of -ette
20. Time delays
21. Author of the best-seller at #47-Across, Joseph __
23. Hourly pay
24. Macbeth's burial place
25. Sports rivalry in AB: 3 wds.
31. Correspond
32. Acad.
33. Narcotics agcy. in The States
34. Shania Twain's "I __ No Quitter"
35. 'Health' in Hull
37. Titles in Turkey
38. Chew out
39. Mr. Jacobs of fashion
40. Guitarist who wears a top hat
41. Manitoba's Wekusko Falls, for one: 2 wds.
45. Driveway sights
46. Pere's partner
47. The __ (Winner of CBC's 2014 Canada Reads battle-of-the-books)
50. Roof part
51. Actor Mr. McBride
54. Horse coat
55. Character in "Muppets Most Wanted" (2014): 2 wds.
58. Mystique
59. Zac of showbiz
60. Laze
61. "Dancing with the Stars" judge Mr. Goodman
62. Temple, poetry-style
63. Catches on

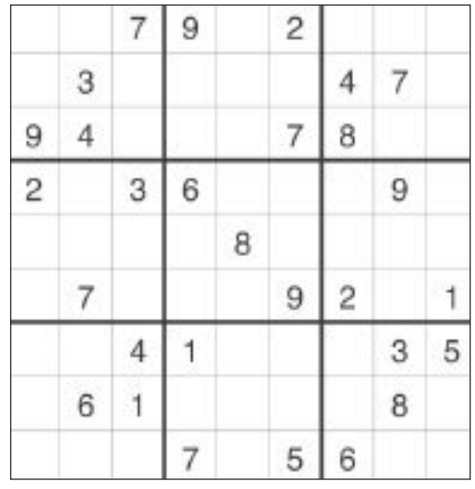
Down
1. Tempo
2. "Ah, me."
3. More-not
4. Singer/actress Ms. Michele
5. Farm fodder
6. Accepted practices
7. Pots and __
8. Bag-like structure
9. Carpentry material
10. Smog
11. Foretoken
14. Freight train's last car
15. True blue
17. Finger point
22. "Don't bet __!": 2 wds.
23. 60-__ bulb
24. "__ it about time?"
25. __Tuck
26. Vernacular
27. "The Da __ Code" (2006)
28. 'E' in poetic monogram EAP
29. Inquire once more
30. Certain cincture
31. Sci-Fi speed
35. New Mexico's capital: 2 wds.
36. Curves
37. Wings
39. Intellect
40. Shopper's binge
42. "Wheel of Fortune" letters-turner
43. Popular online 'bookstore'
44. Maroon 5 singer Adam
47. __ agreement
48. Libertine
49. Clear
50. Better Than __ (Rock band)
51. Hand over
52. "Stop!"
53. Furies
56. Sour
57. Large

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

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7	9	1	5	6	4	3	2	8
5	2	4	7	3	8	6	9	1
9	4	5	3	1	2	7	8	6
6	7	2	4	8	5	1	3	9
8	1	3	9	7	6	5	4	2

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